

Application No. 10/717,254
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REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Response, Claims 20-39 were pending in the application. By the Response, Claims 32, 33, and 37-39 have been canceled, Claims 34 and 36 have been amended, and new Claims 40-43 have been added.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the application in view of the amendments and associated remarks set forth herein.

I. SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the application are fully supported in the original Specification. No new subject matter has been added.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-19 were previously canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed December 20, 2004.

Claims 20-29 were added in the aforementioned Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 30-39 were added in the Response to Office Action filed June 29, 2005.

Claims 32, 33, and 37-39 have been canceled.

Claims 34 and 36 are currently amended.

New Claims 40-43 are added.

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II. CLAIM REJECTIONS

Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

With respect to Claim 34, the Office Action indicated the phrase "an upper and a lower severance line" is indefinite. Claim 34 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 36 has been amended to clarify that said severance line refers to the connecting segment identified in amended Claim 34.

III. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the helpful telephone interview of November 2, 2005. Applicant presented proposed claim amendments and explained how the proposed amendments overcome the rejections under 35 USC 102 and 103 in view of the cited art. The Examiner indicated that, with the correction of certain formalities, the proposed amendment would distinguish the claimed invention from the cited art.

IV. CONCLUSION

This Amendment is being submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, an Information Disclosure Statement and the appropriate fee. Allowance of the claims pending in this case is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that an additional telephone conference would be useful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia R. Parks', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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